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Penetrate 30 Mi. in Belgium; Yanks Hold 2 Enemy Drives

PARIS, Dec. 21 (UP).—German armor has swept 30 miles into Belgium and cut the Allies' Liege-Bastogne supply road in a drive for the Ardennes Gap.

Berlin reported that strong units of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's veteran Third Army were wheeling out of the Saar Line to deliver an attack on the southern or Luxembourg flank of the 60-mile breakthrough area on the First Army's front.

Counter-attacking Americans recaptured the highway town of Stavelot 10 miles behind the deepest enemy spearhead, held grimly to Malmedy five miles to the northeast, and had stemmed for the moment at least two more of the enemy's four main drives—those pointed at St. Vith and Monschau.

Out of a welter of confused and often conflicting reports it was clear that the great battle was mounting in intensity as both sides sent more reserves of tanks and infantry into the battle that is surging across the tableland of southern Belgium and northern Luxembourg.

One formation of RAF Lancasters flew through the overcast and blasted the road junction of Trier, chief German marshalling point between the First and Third Army sectors.

The deepest enemy penetration as of Tuesday noon carried the Germans to Werbomont astride the Bastogne-Liege road 15 miles due south of Liege, 30 miles inside Belgium, and 15 miles west-southwest of Malmedy. This represented a nine-mile advance beyond the last reported German position in the Stavelot area.

Front dispatches said that counter-attacks had frustrated German efforts to expand this salient northward and established the Yanks on a fairly solid line running through Stavelot and Malmedy. The situation also appeared stable just east of St. Vith, 12 miles south of Malmedy, while on the north flank the Americans had recaptured several towns in the Monschau forest, including Rocherath, eight miles southeast of Monschau.

The doughboys also were holding at Echternach on their southern flank 18 miles (Continued from Page 3)



LT. GEN. HODGES

Can the Nazis Continue the Attack?

by the Veteran
Commander

WRITING about the battle of Belgium is perhaps one of the toughest scrivening assignments. SHAEF has announced that from now on news given to correspondents would be from 24 to 48 hours old. This, of course, is very old for news of a battle of mechanized movement. But this cannot be helped, as we pointed out yesterday.

According to obviously stale news von Rundstedt has thrown in "13 to 15 divisions" which is probably not much more than 150,000 men. If so, the battle is still one of moderate proportions, but it is probable that Rundstedt will throw in more men. There is a report of a "second wave of German men and armor" hitting our troops in Belgium.

It would seem almost certain now that north of the German penetration the "lip" of the

gaping hole is holding and hardening. This would protect Aachen and, perhaps Liege. The southern "lip" is in an unknown condition, as far as we here are concerned. It does seem to be still in a very fluid state. The "frontage" of the enemy breakthrough consists of a series of tank spearheads, most certainly often deprived of infantry support. Because of that, there is no front in the regular sense of the word and possession of this or that inhabited center does not denote that the possessor has established a line of sorts.

It seems that the first burst of the German offensive is coming to an end. The crucial question is whether or not the enemy will be able to mount another burst. Personally, we think that he hasn't got the stuff to do it.

Let nobody interpret our unshakable confidence in the outcome of the present battle as

complacency. The very fact that the Germans were able to launch this offensive, that they knew where our troops were and we did not know that they were getting ready to strike—is enough to prevent any complacency from creeping into our consciousness. But this does not mean that we should think that we are done for because three or four German army corps are striking. Let us remember that General Eisenhower certainly has a plan for dealing with a situation which basically fits in pretty well with his earlier hope that the Germans would come out and fight with all they have west of the Rhine. Such a plan will take some days to materialize.

Let us remain calm and unshaken in our confidence in our men and their supreme leader on the battlefield. We can see from (Continued on Back Page)

OPA Pressing for Ceiling On Livestock, Butchers Told

By ADAM LAPIN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Government action to put ceiling prices on cattle-on-the-hoof and thus end the squeeze on New York meat retailers and consumers appeared imminent here tonight. OPA Administrator Chester Bowles made it clear to a New York delegation representing retailers, wholesalers, consumers and organized labor that he was sympathetic to their demands for livestock ceilings.

Delicatessens Threaten Strike

While New York retailers, labor and consumer spokesmen met Washington officials yesterday for a peaceful solution of the meat holiday threatened for Christmas Day, 2,000 local delicatessen store owners threatened to close their shops after New Years.

The shutdown was voted by the Delicatessen Association of Brooklyn, which includes Brooklyn and Queens members, and the Bronx Delicatessen Dealers, which has Manhattan members.

The strike was supposedly called in protest against the black market, but the association statement leveled its main attack on Office of Price Administration ceilings.

A spokesman for Local 627, Provision Salesmen and Distributors Union, AFL, said he would try to persuade store proprietors against striking because 20,000 salesmen, waiters, counter workers, bologna makers and drivers and other workers would be thrown out of work.

Await WLB Step In Ward Case

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Federal action to end Montgomery Ward & Co. defiance of War Labor Board directives was awaited here today as officials worked over technicalities looking toward certifying the case to President Roosevelt.

Samuel J. Wolchok, president of the CIO United Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Employees, which called a strike at Ward retail stores in Detroit, injected red-baiting into the situation yesterday.

Feeling pressure from CIO unions, especially in Detroit, which, while demanding government action against Ward's are also insisting that the CIO no-strike pledge be enforced, Wolchok broke loose with a blast against "left-wingers." The largest affiliates of his own international, including unions with a membership of more than 25,000, have called upon him to end the strike and use normal machinery to compel Ward compliance.

While government action was awaited, Ward continued its battle against maintenance of membership, a provision ordered by the WLB, by taking advertisements in the press.

Meanwhile in Detroit, the situation was complicated when Frank X. Martel, president of the AFL Wayne County Federation of Labor, injected a jurisdictional claim.

Martel sent a letter to President Roosevelt claiming that the AFL Retail Clerks International Union represented 95 percent of the Ward Royal Oak store's personnel and claiming further that the firm's Gratiot Ave., Detroit, store was not involved in Wolchok's strike, except for a small percentage of its employees.

Paul Porter Named FCC Chairman

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (UP).—President Roosevelt today appointed Paul Porter, Democratic national committee publicity chief, chairman of the Federal Communications Commission to serve on a temporary basis pending action by the Senate on his permanent nomination.

It has been known for some time that the OPA favors livestock ceilings and allocation of meat as between areas and types of distributors. This would help end extensive black market operations in New York and other big eastern cities, and also give retail outlets a chance to get some of the meat available primarily to expensive hotels and restaurants.

Principal opposition to these moves has come from the War Food Administration, but it was widely reported that WFA Administrator Marvin Jones may back down.

DECISION UP TO VINSON

The real decision is up to Fred Vinson, head of the Office of Economic Stabilization.

Shortly after meeting with the New York delegation under the auspices of the Emergency Meat Committee headed by former Solicitor General Henry Epstein of New York, Bowles went into a huddle with Jones and Vinson.

Epstein said Bowles had "shown a sympathetic and correct attitude" to the demands of the group for livestock ceilings and allocations.

"But we now have to sit on the doorstep of WFA and OES," he said.

Bowles told newspapermen OPA would take absolutely no action to raise retail price ceilings on meat, and said that it was a "big tribute" to the delegation including representatives of the butchers that they did not press for higher prices.

Spokesmen for the Retail Butchers said they would go ahead with their plans for a "strike" closing down their stores on Christmas Day unless livestock ceilings are imposed in the meantime.

Spokesmen for New Jersey and Baltimore butchers attending the meeting indicated that the "strike" might spread.

Both Michael Quill, president of the CIO-Transport Workers and representing the New York City Council, and Joseph Belsky, vice-president of the AFL Amalgamated Meat Cutters, supported the demands of the retailers but vigorously opposed a strike.

Quill said that a strike by retailers would be indefensible in view of the serious military situation on the Western Front, which permits of no home front disruption.

Belsky pointed out 12,000 butchers would be put out of work by a strike.

Daniel Woolley, New York OPA administrator, asked why WFA issued slaughter permits "to anyone who wants to stick a knife into a cow," and thus encourage black markets.

It was understood that Bowles and other OPA officials took the position that one way of easing the New York meat situation would be for retailers to buy cheaper grades of meat instead of just the highest grades.

Today's meeting almost ended in a walk-out by the delegation when none of the three top officials expected to attend, Jones, Bowles and Vinson, showed up. But Bowles did finally come down for a while, and the delegates then continued the meeting with lesser OPA and WFA representatives.

Seize 2 Towns Past Faenza

ROME, Dec. 21 (UP).—British Eighth Army forces, in a three-pronged punch into the Po Valley, seized two towns northwest of Faenza, crossed the Lamone river northeast, and cleared the east bank of the Senio for three miles north of the Rimini-Bologna highway.



Ukrainian girls, liberated from slave labor in a German factory at Schirmeck, Alsace-Lorraine, show their joy by carrying Lt. J. B. Keeley, of Houston, Tex., on their shoulders. Keeley led a Sixth Army group that freed 600 of these girls.

Miss Buckmaster Will Head Taylor Drive

With the same sure, swift strokes that distinguished its actions at its first meeting at the Hotel Theresa, Nov. 25, to consider the case of Mrs. Recy Taylor, Negro, raped by six white youths in Alabama last Sept. 3, the provisional committee formed then met again Wednesday night, this time to expand and to organize itself into a permanent body with a program.

Seventy-five persons, most of them delegates from the 37 trade union and other organizations represented there, voted unanimously to resolve the provisional group into the permanent Committee for Equal Justice for Mrs. Recy Taylor, with a working executive almost as large as the total attendance and a steering committee of five.

The meeting witnessed the unusual spectacle of delegates rising and nominating themselves for the executive committee, which had been designated, time after time, as the body which would do the "hard work." Their spontaneous action backed up their pointed retorts that "We expect to work" and "That's why we came here."

MEMBERS

The executive committee includes Margaret Baker, United Electrical Workers, District 4; Earl Conrad, PM; Jeannette Cohen, California Eagle; Thelma Dale, National Negro Congress; Ruth Bergman, Chat-ham Square Music School; Frits Moorehead, Furniture Workers Union; Frederick Woods, Local 13, Marine and Shipbuilders Union; Glenda Sullivan, ILD; James Ford

and Eugene Gordon, Daily Worker and Worker; Ruth Jett, Southern Negro Youth Congress; Clarina Michelson, Furniture Workers; Eric Strong, Shoe Workers; Sid Locker, Newark CIO; Helen Underhill, State County and Municipal Workers; Winifred Norman, American Youth for Democracy; Mrs. Ada Jackson, Brooklyn Interracial Assembly; Morris Doswell, Local 65; Mrs. Olover H. B. Smith, St. Phillips Church; Frances Williams, National Federation for Constitutional Liberties; John Lawrence, National Maritime Union; Rose Gaudin, Joint Committee of Nurses; Hulan Jack, N. Y. Steta Assembly; Doxey Wilkerson, Peoples Voice; Samuel Neuburger, ILD.

Dale, Ford, Gordon, Newburger, Michelson and Sullivan form the steering committee.

Miss Henrietta Buckmaster, author of *Deep River*, a novel of the pre-Civil War South, and the Rev. B. C. Robeson, pastor of the Mother AME Zion Church, were elected co-chairman of the permanent committee. Assemblyman Jack, elected treasurer, took charge of the more than \$300 collected at this meeting.

GORDON SPEAKS

Miss Buckmaster, introducing Eugene Gordon as the main speaker, said:

"The South suffers from a great many diseases, one of the most virulent being the Cult of the White Woman. This cult has been the basis of considerable lynch legislation. The effect has been the complete degradation of the Southern white woman's dignity. She is beginning to resent and to hate the crimes that are committed in her name."

Miss Buckmaster added that if the white woman suffers thus from this "cult," one could readily imagine the burden it places upon the Negro woman.

Gordon recounted his experiences as investigator for the committee and for the Daily Worker and The Worker in getting to see Mrs. Taylor and the witnesses of her abduction in Abbeville. He related also some of the conversation he had with Gov. Chauncy Sparks of Alabama.

Answering a question whether increased pressure on Alabama authorities would endanger Mrs. Taylor, Gordon said that the greater the pressure—"which is a way of letting the Governor know that the eyes of the world were upon him"—the less likely that danger would befall Mrs. Taylor.

The committee plans to synchronize all its work in Mrs. Taylor's behalf with the Southern Conference for Human Welfare and with other progressive Southern bodies.

Shoe Wholesalers Ask Crackdown on Ward's

The Shoe Wholesale Employers Association, representing 40 New York City shoe firms, yesterday called upon the government to enforce its mandates against companies like Montgomery Ward & Co., that refuse to comply with directives.

Sidney B. Felsenfeld, executive secretary, said the association had "read with great interest" the statement of Arthur Osman, president of Wholesale and Warehouse Workers Local 65, asking governmental action against Ward's and demanding an end to the strike. The association has collective bargaining relations with Local 65, which is the largest single affiliate of the United Retail, Wholesale & Department Store Employees, union leading the Ward strike.

Felsenfeld said his association was in "complete accord" with Osman's views.

"Individuals in times such as these should and must comply with government directives," the employers' spokesman said. "Unions should and must strictly adhere to their no-strike pledge."

"Winning the war is the ultimate goal of the labor movement, employers and the entire American can people," he added.

"Close cooperation is urgently needed in that attainment. In default of this, the government should take the necessary steps to enforce its mandate."

A mass demonstration to break relations with fascist Spain will be held at Madison Square Garden Tuesday, Jan. 2 at 7:30 pm Tickets on sale at—

Nation Associates, 20 Vesey St. Lincoln Brigade, 100 5th Ave. CIO, 1133 Broadway Workers Bookshop—50 E. 13 St. Jefferson Bookshop, 17 St. and Sixth Ave.

Anti-Soviet Influence on Iran Gov't Hit by USSR Trade Union Paper

By JOHN GIBBONS

Wireless to the Daily Worker

MOSCOW, Dec. 21.—Refusal of the Iranian Government to discuss the Soviet offer to develop oil concessions in northern Iran is rooted "exclusively in the prejudices and unfriendly attitude toward the Soviet Union on the part of certain ruling circles," War and the Working Class, Soviet trade union organ, charged in its current issue.

"The Teheran Government this year agreed to consider British and American proposals and negotiated with them 10 months on the matter of concessions," the magazine disclosed. "But the moment the Soviet Government submitted similar proposals the Saad Government decided in the negative without even examining the conditions of the concession agreement."

Far from being harsh, as some critics aver, these conditions "are wholly favorable to Iran," and "provided for control by the Iranian Government over technical and commercial transactions," the article declared.

War and the Working Class then attacks a law, passed with "unprecedented haste," forbidding oil negotiations with any foreign power until after the war.

"Representatives of Iranian reaction are trying to don the toga of defenders of the sovereignty and independence of Iran. This miserable farce will deceive nobody."

"In the first place, the Soviet Union, while ready to help develop the oil resources of Iran, is not threatening the country's independence."

"Second, the law enacted does not change the policy of concessions or

infringe on the positions of existing foreign concessions. It is aimed only against granting other concessions—and is clearly in the interest of securing a monopoly position for present oil concessions in Iran."

These, the article pointed out, are held by British and American firms.

"The people of Iran are conscious that their country acquired freedom and independence thanks to the support of the Soviet Union; that the Soviet Union sincerely respects the dignity and independence of the Iranian people, and that friendship with the Soviet Union is a sure shield for Iran's independence and sovereignty," the article concluded.

"The future will show to what extent the ruling circles in Iran are capable of drawing the necessary conclusions."

France Agrees with USSR on Reich, Land for Poland, Fate of Rhineland

PARIS, Dec. 21 (UP).—Foreign Minister Georges Bidault told the Consultative Assembly today that France and the Soviet Union had agreed that Germany must give Poland East Prussia, Pomerania and Silesia, and that Germany also must be deprived of control of the Saar, the Ruhr and the Rhine Valley.

It was Bidault's first speech to the assembly—the provisional parliament—since his return from Moscow, where with Gen. Charles de

Gaulle he negotiated the 20-year French Soviet alliance.

Bidault added the program he advanced was one for settlement with the allies. But he emphasized:

"What is certain is that Germany must have no more troops in Cologne, Mayence or the Ruhr. She must first work on the reconstruction of Europe instead of preparing for a new war."

The assembly applauded when Bidault said of the new French Soviet alliance:

"This treaty is the beginning of a general federation in which neither we nor Russia have wanted to start anything without Great Britain and America. We do not desire to separate ourselves from Great Britain and America."

"This was expressly stipulated at Moscow, where at no time was envisaged a bloc which Great Britain and America had no part."

Gen. De Gaulle is expected to discuss the pact when it is submitted to the Assembly.

Soviets Cut 2 Railroads Leading Out of Losonc



Nazi Penetration: Nazi troops have cut the Liege supply road running south to Bastogne. Yanks have retaken Stavelot, 10 miles behind the deepest enemy spearhead which has plunged 30 miles into Belgium. The enemy drive against Monschau has been stemmed temporarily. The second deepest Nazi penetration reached just east of the Luxembourg town of Wiltz, 24 miles northwest of Echternach.

Nazis Take Liege Road; Stab Deeper

(Continued from Page 1) northeast of Luxembourg City but German armored columns which had by-passed that town made further unspecified progress west of Consdorf, 14 miles above the Grand Duchy's capital.

In a penetration second in depth

Wiltz, still another column had reached Clervaux in a five-mile thrust into the northern tip of Luxembourg.

TANK DESTROYERS

Against these stabbing advances American tank destroyer crews and bazookamen were waging a heroic battle, destroying one after another of the enemy's big Panther and Tiger tanks, but still more came on and in the language of the military, the situation was "extremely fluid."

Infantry of enemy units, which had been decimated at Caen but since restored, crowded across the Belgian and Luxembourg frontiers on foot in the wake of the tanks, including some of the Wehrmacht's finest reserves but also masses of "Volksgrenadiers." These are little-train and the lack of effective along by the momentum of the tank charges, fanatic Nazi indoctrination and the lack of effective opposition due to the fact that the Germans had achieved complete

Nation Must Provide More Arms, Says Krug

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (UP).—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's Allied armies in Europe must be supplied with enough equipment to continue fighting the tough war of the past two months for another year, or longer if necessary, production chief J. A. Krug said today.

only to that beyond Stavelot, another tank column was revealed to have advanced 13 miles from its starting point to a position just east of the Luxembourg town of Wiltz, 24 miles northwest of Echternach and only five miles from the Belgian frontier. Seven miles north of

LONDON, Dec. 21 (UP).—Moscow reported that Soviet forces had cut two important escape routes for Nazi troops in the Czechoslovak rail city of Losonc, while Berlin said the Red Army renewed its offensive today to encircle Budapest.

The nightly Soviet war bulletin reported Red Army forces 70 miles northeast of Budapest had captured more than 30 towns and villages in Czechoslovakia on the approaches to Losonc.

Capturing the vital rail junctions of Feledine and Rimavská Sobota, east of Losonc, the Soviets pushed to within at least 16 miles of the 10-way road and rail center, and sealed two railroads out of the city.

The Soviets also captured more than 50 towns and villages north of Gyongyos, 43 miles northeast of Budapest, and tightened a closing ring of encirclement around thousands of enemy troops in the Matra mountains.

Another 1,429 German and Hungarian prisoners were added to the Red Army's growing number of enemy captured.

Green Reopens Door to Lewis

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—AFL president William Green, who lost no time before giving summary rejection to unity proposals from CIO president Philip Murray, has sent a new appeal to John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, to come back to the AFL fold, it was announced here yesterday.

AFL officials said the message was the result of resolutions passed at their recent New Orleans convention at which special committees were authorized to approach the miners and the CIO on unity.

500th Crossing for ATC

PRESQUE ISLE, Me. (UP).—The Air Transport Command recently made its 500th Atlantic crossing between Maine and England.

Emergency Appeal For Blood Donors

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (UP).—Red Cross officials today issued an emergency appeal for donations here of "O" type blood, for immediate flight in whole form to France.

The Red Cross said the appeal was in response to an urgent plea from Army headquarters in France for blood to meet demands arising from heavy casualties in connection with the current German counter-offensive. It said blood taken today will reach Paris tomorrow.

It was explained that whole "O" type blood can be used in persons whose blood is "O" or any other type.

Rocket-Firing British Planes Hit at Athens

ATHENS, Dec. 21 (UP).—British and American relief agencies began distribution of 60 tons of meat to the hungry Athens population today after British troops swung into an offensive against the Greek ELAS troops and brought one-third of Athens under control of the Papandreou forces.

Rocket-firing Beaufighters continued attacks on ELAS positions in Athens, knocking out an ELAS machine gun nest in the Aeron prison. British tanks and paratroopers attacked an ELAS 75-mm gun beyond Omonia Square.

About 75,000 persons were relieved in the central part of Athens, under British control, and the meat ration figured out at about 36 ounces for each. In return, recipients were to pay about 5 cents.

A Communist newspaper published in the ELAS-held section of Athens said the ELAS had captured 80 inmates of the Aeron prison Monday and that they had executed two of them after trial by a "people's tribunal." The two were members of the John Kallis quisling cabinet, and were identified by the newspaper as Gen. George Bacos, national defense minister, and George Pirounakis, supply minister.

The British cleared one Athens area northeast of the Acropolis and another northwest of the Athens-Faliron road on the route to Piraeus. The road was still impassable to any but armored vehicles. The British started a drive to clear it three days ago, but ELAS snipers filtered back into adjacent areas.

CLASH IN VILLAGES

Although Scobie's communiqué called the situation elsewhere in Greece "unchanged," British quarters said there had been minor clashes between troops of the ELAS—which represent the EAM—and those of the EDES which supports Papandreou. The fighting was

Greek Quislings Harass U.S. Newsmen

Premier George Papandreou's quisling police forces in Athens are "abusing the Red Cross symbol and cutting off the hair of Republican girls," N. Y. Post correspondent George Weller revealed from Athens yesterday.

Papandreou's police are also preventing the American newsmen, whom they refer to as "Communists" from filing their stories home.

"My telephone was the only one cut in this neighborhood six days ago," Heller revealed. "The United Press translator was jailed for 20 hours. The assistant to the director, Barclay Hudson, has been in jail three days."

reported from three villages 10 miles east of Janina in northwestern Greece.

The British also confirmed reports that Albanian guerillas had crossed into northern Greece.

Meanwhile, in House of Commons debate on Greece yesterday, Labor peer Lord Faringdon urged that Great Britain change its policy in Greece or else risk a possibly mutiny of British troops opposed to killing their Greek allies.

"The first thing must be an armistice," said Lord Faringdon, "and I would suggest most earnestly to the government that the proposed conditions of armistice put forward by Lt. Gen. Ronald Scobie are not armistice terms. They are clearly unacceptable. They are terms of surrender. I hope he may be directed to withdraw these terms and offer terms which are more acceptable."

USSR for Democratic Europe, Says Lange

Professor Oscar Lange, noted Polish-American scholar, believes the Soviet Union's security depends on the predominance of "democratic populism" in Europe. Dr. Lange developed this thesis Wednesday night in an address on Soviet foreign policy before the Russian Economic Institute Conference at the Columbia University Men's Faculty Club.

The former leader of the Polish Socialist Party compared the aspirations of the Polish soldiers, with whom he talked during his visit to the USSR last spring, to the American Populist movement of the nineties.



Belgium in 1939 and 1940 when the Pierlot government refused to cooperate on an urgent system of mutual defense.

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The Soviet Union, he affirmed, wants "minor nations" to have a foreign policy friendly to the Soviet Union—though not exclusively, as alliances with France, the United States and Great Britain are also suggested.

He said that the Soviet government's desire to extend Poland's western borders at Germany's expense is partly explained by its disappointment in finding that most German prisoners are still "good Nazis."

In the absence of a significant democratic movement in Germany, he said, the Polish government will assume major responsibility for liquidation of German feudalism by expropriating the East Prussian Junkers.

Lick Trotzkyite In Queens Plant

Five candidates pledged to strict enforcement of labor's no-strike pledge and application of the entire CIO policy, including Paul Bruno, former president, won posts in Ford

Instrument Local 425 of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, Queens, in an election Wednesday, it was learned yesterday.

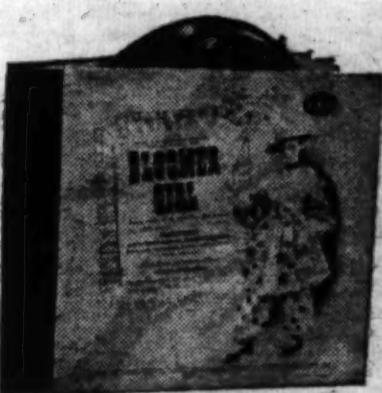
The local administration for the past two years has been in the hands of a leadership influenced by Trotzkyites. A leading Trotzkyite, Julian S. Stansky, who fought for modification of the no-strike pledge at the UE convention, was defeated by Bruno in a race for the local vice-presidency. However, Max Mont, another Trotzkyite, was elected to the executive board.

Elected with Bruno were the following members of his slate: Paul Permakoff, treasurer; Thomas M. Fox, trustee; H. D. Floyd and Harry Ruby, executive board members. Their candidate for president, Thomas A. Farrell, incumbent, was beaten by William Dow, nominee of the Mont ticket.

A third ticket in the field, which also ran on the basis of application of CIO policies, elected at least one candidate, J. Dillon, recording secretary. Dillon defeated Sadowski, a running mate of Mont.

Approximately 1,900 participated in the elections.

Campaign material issued by the Farrell-Bruno ticket during the election charged that the Mont ticket was putting forward a program that "corresponds in every detail with the program of the subversive sheet, Labor Action."



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What Detroit CIO Said On No-Strike, Ward's

We reprint in full two resolutions adopted by delegates of the Wayne County and Detroit CIO Council Tuesday on the no-strike pledge and the Montgomery Ward strike, in view of their virtual suppression by the nationwide press. Even the Detroit papers gave them bare mention.

The first resolution is addressed specifically to Philip Murray, president of the CIO.

Resolution on No-Strike Pledge

On the eve of the nationally important referendum vote in the UAW-CIO on the no-strike pledge in our largest affiliate, the UAW-CIO, we take this occasion to heartily support the speech you made to the November convention which states:

"We cannot read a resolution and vote for it and then have someone violate it. We maintain our no-strike commitments to the American people in the course of a war. We don't make pledges today and break them tomorrow. No responsible leader of labor in the United States of America . . . can hope to serve the best interests of the members if he attempts by word of mouth or by act to set aside labor's no-strike pledge in the course of this present war."

In the spirit of your speech we declare to you that the Wayne County Industrial Union Council completely endorses the unanimous decision of the convention which resolved:

"Resolved: That the CIO hereby reaffirms its solemn pledge that until we have accomplished a complete and absolute destruction of the German and Japanese military forces there can be no question of our basic responsibility to the nation to continue intact our no-strike pledge."

"Each member and leader of organized labor must make it his responsibility to the nation to discharge with scrupulous care this sacred obligation."

The Wayne County Industrial Union Council unites with our national convention in declaring:

"We recognize that a strike or stoppage of work, frequently provoked by management or caused by the weaknesses and delay of government agencies, must necessarily interfere with this effort for all-out production and to that extent actually assists our enemies and endangers the life of those men and women on the battlefronts fighting the Axis armies."

Resolution on Ward Strike

We condemn Sewell Avery for refusing to grant the Montgomery Ward workers and their union the demands awarded by the WLB. We condemn Avery for this un-American attitude to his workers, his disregard of the war effort and deliberate attempt to provoke strikes.

Sewell Avery wants strikes and chaos in the midst of war. The CIO will smash his conspiracy against labor and the nation with the help of all other Americans by its strict application of our win-the-war no-strike pledge.

We urge the Montgomery Ward workers not to be further incited by Avery into repudiating labor's voluntary no-strike pledge to the nation. Victory against Avery and settlement of the grievances of the workers can be certain only on the basis of the CIO policies. Montgomery Ward workers are not alone but their demands have the unqualified support of 6,000,000 CIO workers. When this combined strength is united behind the CIO policies, then the American people

GROPPERGRAMS



Secret memo to Martin Dies:
Man with a beard, dressed in red, is stealing into American homes the night of Dec. 24.

If Gropper can use your original gag you will receive \$1. Address Groppergrams, care Daily Worker, 50 E. 12th St.

will see and demand that their government must compel Avery to comply with the decisions of the WLB.

This Council calls upon the Government and President Roosevelt to protect the war effort and put an end to this rebellion and civil war of Avery against the war agencies of our country. The Government must immediately take over the stores in view of Mr. Avery's refusal to comply with the government decisions.

Copies of this statement shall be sent to the Montgomery Ward workers, their union, Philip Murray, to the press, and that the president of the Council appoint a committee to personally deliver this message to President Roosevelt in Washington and fight for its execution.

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Red Scare Won't Hide the Facts

MONTGOMERY WARD'S Sewell Avery continues to defy the government's authority. Americans of all classes must insist that the government force compliance with the War Labor Board's order.

But it is just as apparent that those elements in the labor movement who have long conspired to scuttle labor's no-strike pledge have seized upon the Ward strike for their disruptive designs.

A statement issued by Samuel Wolchok, international head of the striking union, admits that the Ward strike was sanctioned, the first such case since Pearl Harbor. But Wolchok is unable to explain or defend his stand. So, in the familiar manner of all reactionaries, he falls back on the bogey of communism. He even has the audacity to ask whether the Communists are for the workers or Avery.

Unfortunately for Mr. Wolchok, the lie was given his slanders both from some of the largest locals of his own international and in the resolutions adopted at Tuesday's meeting of the Detroit and Wayne County CIO. (These resolutions which were suppressed by the press are reprinted on page 5 of today's Daily Worker.) Will Wolchok charge that council, speaking for hundreds of thousands of Detroit CIO members, with supporting Avery?

It is easy to prove, however, that Wolchok's policy is helping Avery. The Communists can be accused only of the charge of living up to the CIO's no-strike pledge as reaffirmed a month ago at the Chicago convention; of refusing to engage in double-dealing shennanigans against CIO policy; of refusing to be provoked by the Averys who want strikes to justify their own defiance of the government; and of refusing to allow the Ward strike to be used as an entering wedge in the no-strike referendum of the United Automobile Workers.

To those charges the Communists will gladly plead guilty. But on what ground can Wolchok defend his stand?

No-Strike 'Conditions'

Avery is certainly guilty of every crime under the sun against his workers and collective bargaining rights in general. But if we condition the no-strike pledge on the basis of grievances against an employer, there are thousands of cases where workers would be justified in striking. The no-strike pledge and the WLB machinery were designed to meet precisely the situations where grievances arise. If there were an insurance against disputes neither the pledge nor the peaceful disputes machinery would have been necessary.

The claim that war industries are not affected, was proven equally false. Those who justify the strike are themselves demanding that the President order seizure of the Ward plants by invoking his power to safeguard our war effort.

Can anyone seriously hold that the Detroit Ward strike, and its consequences, do not affect the war effort directly?

The demagogic claim that the interest of the Ward workers can only be defended through a strike, is also shown to be false. The big fact stands out in this war that living standards of workers have been maintained, and gains have been preserved, only to the extent that the government received cooperation to enforce wartime controls. Nowhere has it been shown that strikes have resulted in extra benefits for those who were affected. The coal miners offer the best proof of that. John L. Lewis' mine strike gave labor only the Smith-Connally Act and much public antipathy.

Possible to Win

Unions that choose the path of winning, not alienating, the public at large, have shown that it is possible to obtain even government seizure of defiant companies without a strike, as in the Milwaukee packinghouse case.

Equally obvious is the threat of the Wolchok policy to labor's interest in the postwar period. The most ardent supporters of Wolchok and of the campaign to rescind the no-strike pledge, are those who proclaim that the war will have to be fought all over again through civil strife.

Any defiance of the government and its war effort is service to the enemy whether the culprit is an Avery or a Wolchok. Or, we might add, a Frank X. Martel, head of the Detroit AFL central body. Help to Avery in defying the government can be the only consequence of Martel's company-union like claim that the AFL demands collective bargaining designation at two of the struck stores.

The workers must stand fast by their no-strike pledge and beat back every provocation and effort to violate it no matter where it arises.

GETTING HIS DANDER UP



To Tell the Truth

Big Defeat--Bigger Victory

by Robert Minor

WE AMERICANS are not weathercocks. At least in war, we are not boastful at moments of advance and whiners at moments of dangerous defeats such as the present partial setback of our Army in Belgium and Luxembourg.

This is the very time to say that our victories are decisive and that this defeat—though it may rank as a very severe and costly one—is nevertheless no more than a dangerous phase of a great advance to victory. Above all, we Americans must reject the sneak-punch proposals now being made that this setback shall serve as an alibi for retirement to the defensive on the French-Belgium front, that the great Allied winter campaign be now written off in favor of another long delay until spring.

coalition that is causing that defeat.

IN the United States there is a powerful remobilization against the nation's war policy, there are open threats to prevent ratification of a United Nations peace treaty, and therefore, in effect, a threat of abandonment of the war.

In China the pressure of feudal elements that work toward the reconciliation with Japan caused the Chinese Government to permit the Japanese invaders to cut China into two separate halves rather than use the full available Chinese military forces to prevent it.

In Greece, Italy and Belgium, a part of the political and military strength of Great Britain is being applied, not for, but against the cause of the United Nations. The slaughter of Greek patriots has become a model for opponents of United Nations unity. They insist that there must be civil war throughout Europe. The favorite writer of the Scripps-Howard papers says it looks as though "all of Europe" is "headed toward becoming one big Spain." Rightists and leftists are at daggers drawn over the larger part of the continent. Civil war is under way or threatened in Greece, Yugoslavia, Belgium, Italy, Poland and other countries as, one by one, they are liberated, and in every case, as in Spain, the trouble is fundamentally the same. (William Philip Simms, N. Y. World-Telegram, Dec. 15, 1944.)

The largest success of the Allied arms of this winter—the huge drive of the Russian armies through Hungary—is described by the American adventurers of the press as a turning of Russia away from attack on Germany! The change of direction of the Russian military blow was due to special "Russian" political motives, they say, at the sacrifice of military results. The truth is that the route of the Russian drive is the classic military road to the heart of Germany, as Bismarck pointed

out. This Russian offensive already has been the means of cutting Germany off from her richest sources of supplies. It has brought two former Hitler satellites—Romania and Bulgaria—into the war on the side of the United Nations. It has joined the hands of the Russians with those of Yugoslavia and is about to release the great Czechoslovak nation to join the war against Germany; and it will inevitably break both Hungary and Austria away from their German master.

Why are the newspaper adventurers so enraged by the greatest Allied military success of this winter?

Possibly they would be better satisfied if the Russians had been unmilitary enough to neglect the sound and rational approach to the conquest of Germany and its fruits in hastening our common victory. Perhaps they think that in that case what is happening in Greece might happen also in Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, Romania, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Austria, Finland and Poland. But in these eight countries through which Russia is operating to close the vise on Germany—countries which constitute half of the non-Russian continent of Europe—there will be no civil war, nor any necessity to defend themselves against Allied arms.

An end to disunity in the Allied camp!

The military setback in Belgium is a warning that should cause us immediately to arm the French potential fighting forces, to welcome the French nation back into full military action as one of the world's greatest democratic powers. This warning must result in the British forces in Europe ceasing to make war on Greece and to turn their full forces, together with the full forces of Greece—including those who proved themselves her best patriots during the German occupation—totally against the German enemy.

Worth Repeating

BRITISH WOMEN, deeply interested in social security, are of increasing importance in the political scene, says a London dispatch to the New York Times of Dec. 18, reminding us: In Britain as in the United States every woman over 21 has the right to vote. Women now outnumber men here by about 2,000,000. This means that they can to a large extent decide what government Britain is to have, once the war with Germany is over. Consequently, political party chiefs are concentrating increasingly on appealing to women voters, and devoting more election literature to issues of interest to women.

Change the World

READING through the latest issue of *Volunteer for Liberty*, monthly organ of the Lincoln Brigade, I found some fascinating letters from a young Lieutenant named Lawrence Cane.

He is a Spanish veteran fighting in Germany against the same fascist killers he met in Spain.

Now the weapons are on the side of democracy. And the Nazi soldier is not so cocksure, and the Nazi fifth column not so well entrenched inside the democracies.

Lieutenant Cane feels mighty hopeful, though the going is still tough.

"There's a lot of suffering and misery ahead—but a great day is coming. We're sort of resting here, living in houses outside a big city we helped to take. The weather has changed and is dry and cold. It's heaven to what we had up to now—rain, snow, sleet and mud pies. I said I would get on my knees and praise Allah if the sun ever shone. Well, it shines."

"We rest, take training, then spend days clearing up mines and booby traps. This German city is now unrecognizable. Once an ancient and beautiful town, it looks now like Belchite did in Spain, or St. Lo in Normandy. And by God, terrible as it may sound, I enjoy seeing a German city destroyed. How they've had it coming to them!"

BILLETED in a German home, young Cane "felt like a king."



by Mike Gold

Why? Because he was able to sleep in a bed for a few nights. At first it was too comfortable. He had to get out and flop on the floor. Then he tried the bed again, and finally got used to it.

"This evening the house is a madhouse. All kinds of noises come everywhere as I write. The hoodlums, (this is said affectionately) in my platoon are shooting crap, playing the violin, playing the radio, running up and down stairs, fixing a phonograph, slamming the door, arguing politics, talking about girls, rehearsing a barber shop quartet, overflowing with hell and fun and animal spirits.

"Hell, let them play. Plenty of time for that old, tired, front-line feeling. They're wonderful boys—especially when the going gets tough.

"We've seen so much rough stuff they've labelled our company 'the Russian Front.' We've got more decorations in this bunch than the rest of the battalion put together.

"We were in the battle of Aachen. One day after the fighting stopped for us engineers, we were also cleaning up the mines, and found a big picture of Frank Sinatra on the main road leading to town. On it was written in big letters, 'Frankie, The Pride of Aachen.' There's the American spirit. How can anyone hope to beat people like that?"

This young Spanish veteran earned his Silver Star for "gallantry in action during the armored breakthrough in Normandy." It was pinned on him in a ceremony at which several generals were also decorated. "Some day I'll take little David on my knee and

The Same Fascist Killers as in Spain

tell about this day I'll never forget."

Lieutenant Cane has a little boy at home he's not yet seen. The kid appears in all the letters to his wife, in all his thinking, fighting and marching on the battlefronts. These veterans make America's best soldiers. They are good soldiers because they know what they fight for. They hate fascism and love the human race. They are idealists and the architects of a new life.

AT LEAST half the Spanish veterans are engaged in some branch of the war services—the army, the navy, the coast guard, the merchant marine.

There is a casualty list, now as in Spain. Many of the boys have won decorations for courage. Some have become officers, despite discrimination practiced now and then by reactionary commanders.

Here is the iron core of any democracy—strong young citizens ready to fight and die for the great cause of humanity.

It is good to note that the Lincoln Brigade has renewed its political activities on the home front.

It is taking a strong lead in the campaign to break off American relations with Hitler's dirty little General Franco.

This Sunday night, at Webster Hall, the Lincoln Brigade holds another of its famous dances to raise funds for its anti-Franco campaign.

Is it not our duty to help veterans like Lieutenant Cane, to finish the war against the fascist butchers of Spain?

If you can still walk, come to Webster Hall this Sunday night to meet the vets.



Mr. Editor

Doesn't Like Churchill

Bergen, W. New Jersey.
Editor, Daily Worker:

Reading the Times' story on Greece and seeing the pictures of the disturbances I am terribly anxious to hear the Underground side. I am hoping that every development in the war's progress is carefully noted by several honest people and put together in facts for the future. If enough can be narrated by eyewitnesses—underground folks and others, that will fill a fair-sized booklet. I am not disappointed though in Churchill nor any other premier representing imperialists. Ireland and India always push through his masque of gentility.

MRS. HANFT.

[Ed. Note: Of course, our correspondent can be betrayed into an anti-British attitude which would not help victory.]

Buying a Navy Plane

Brooklyn.

Editor, Daily Worker:

As of Dec. 15, \$25,025 in Sixth War Loan E Bonds had been sold by the Flatbush Club, CPA, in its drive to purchase a Navy plane costing \$33,332.

Keeping our pledge to Kings County, CDVO will emphasize the leadership role in the community of the CPA in helping to win the war. Our many Blue Star Brigaders at the same time gain the respect and admiration of our neighbors as they did in winning a Red Cross Certificate of Merit for blood donors.

Every Wednesday night is War Activities night at the club. A CDVO bond issuing agent is present to issue bonds right on the spot. Wednesday War Activities nights promise to become regular social gathering evenings with the development of our Veterans' Service, War Wives' Service and the Flatbush Canteen project.

Our leading Blue Star Brigader is Florence, who is leading the Club prize competition with \$5,875 sold to date. FLATBUSH.

More About the White Collar Worker

Manhattan.

Editor, Daily Worker:

There is more truth than poetry in what George Melody says in his letter in the Dec. 14 issue of the Daily Worker about the deplorable and economically degraded state of the white collar worker. The writer endorses his arguments 100 percent. Organized labor often looks on unorganized white collar workers as all flunkies "parasites" aping their masters. To some extent, this is unfortunately true, but equally unfortunate is the case of a certain percentage of white collar workers who have always sided and fought for common or skilled labor unselfishly and unstintingly for many years, with nothing gained for themselves.

The plight of such workers is extremely bad, especially if they are no longer very young, and if prospective employers or the politicians controlling Civil Service on checking up find that they have ever registered "ALP"—even if that far progressive they are "blankety-blank" Communists, who want the world improved, "damn 'em!" You can pass all the Civil Service examinations you want to, but you never get appointed.

M. C.

The opinions expressed in these letters are those of the readers and not necessarily of the paper. We welcome letters from our readers and their friends on subjects of current interest. To facilitate the printing of as many letters as possible, and to allow for the greatest discussion, please limit letters to 300 words.

Let's Face It

HERBERT BROWNELL, national GOP chairman, was obviously evading when he told the press, after a conference with Gov. Dewey Monday, that the governor was "concerned" about developments in Europe.

What the press wanted to know, and what everyone knew Brownell and Dewey had discussed, was the status of the Republican organization in New York State.

All Brownell would say about that was that the State Committee at its next meeting would elect a successor to Edwin F. Jaeckle, who resigned as state GOP chairman after the elections.

Jaeckle resigned suddenly and without a real explanation while Gov. Dewey was on vacation. It is known he was highly dissatisfied with the way the governor had bypassed him in the conduct of the campaign both nationally and in the state. His resignation, however, reflects deeper divisions within the GOP.

GOP state legislative leaders are now trying to get Jaeckle back on the job. Dewey is known to be opposed to this and is looking around for someone else. Jaeckle has been close to the leaders of the Legislature. It was his job to keep them in line for Dewey ever since the governor became titular head



by Max Gordon

of the party in the state as candidate for gubernatorial office in 1938.

Now, however, legislative leaders are reported as feeling that if Jaeckle gets back on the job he will be in their corner as a result of his difficulties with Dewey and the latter's obvious reluctance to take him back. A revolt is brewing against the governor among his legislative leaders and both sides are fighting for position. Whether these battles will break into the open at the coming legislative session or whether Dewey will again succeed in preventing them from becoming public, as he did last year, I can't say.

The elections have resulted in other tensions and friction within the state GOP apparatus. For instance, State Sen. Frederic R. Coudert, GOP leader in the heavily-Republican 9th assembly district in Manhattan, is bitter at Tom Curran, county GOP chairman and secretary of state, whom he accuses of having dished him out of the U. S. senatorial nomination, after having promised to support him for that designation.

AMONG some district leaders and hangers-on of the GOP organization there is a feeling of pessimism regarding the possibility of the governor's reelection in 1946 because of the nature of his presidential campaign. It is believed that he antagonized too many

Bill of Health

ATTACK and counter-attack on the Western Front require the highest production on the part of America's workers. Highest productivity is not only a problem of how many are working, but of maintaining their efficiency, and doing everything possible to lessen absenteeism and unnecessary turnover.

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This is the opening sentence of a Guide prepared by the War Manpower Commission to help unions and management meet the problem of increasing labor's war productivity by cutting down illness.



by Celia Langer

MANY acute problems face a union committee or management or both together, when they start work in this field. After the absentee record has been gone over, the interested committee sometimes wonders what to do next. This Guide for the Provision of Health Services presents clearly and simply, whom to go to, what his function is, and how he operates. The relationship between all government agencies, and there are quite a few of them, now studying and acting on these problems, is explained for the benefit of anyone who wishes to secure expert assistance in solving health problems.

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Increasing Output By Cutting Illness

told the necessary objective, types of services provided, the administrative set-up on the national, state, or local level; what has been accomplished to date, how to spot the problem, and how to act on it.

THE wide utilization of the Guide for the Provision of Health Service by union committees and management will undoubtedly result in a great expansion of necessary government personnel and facilities to the benefit of the entire population.

Every local and shop committee working to keep supplies flowing to our boys should have a copy of this guide. Write for it to the War Manpower Commission, Bureau of Manpower Utilization, Washington, D. C.

The Chief of the War Industry Employee Service Section, Rhea Radin, who drew this guide up, has done an excellent job in making clear to us just how to go about improving many situations which lower working efficiency and output.

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Chorus Against Allies Rises: Lippmann Gives the Answer

By JOSEPH STAROBIN

American confusions about the functions of our foreign policy in Europe and the inter-relations of our European allies reached a new peak yesterday, as the progressive Republican, Sen. Joseph Ball and the isolationist Democrat, Sen. Burton Wheeler, lashed out against both Britain and the Soviet Union.

He and Wheeler are agreed "for once," said Ball, who insisted that "the unilateral political decisions made in liberated Europe by great powers on the Allied side, if they continue, may do irreparable harm to the whole cause of collective security as envisaged in the Dumbarton Oaks proposals."

Wheeler went even further. He said "it would be pointless for the President to send the Dumbarton Oaks proposals to the Senate unless Russia and England change their present policies in Europe."

To make matters worse, along comes PM's editorial by Blair Bolles yesterday. He, too, is worried that "by tomorrow the world may be so chopped up into blocs, riven by jealousies and divided by fears that the delegates to a United Nations conference will be as hopeless as the friends of Humpty-Dumpty."

KIND OF MERGER

That's a sort of merger of the Ball and Wheeler position. It isn't surprising when you read further that Bolles considers Japan's aggression



Sen. Ball

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has now taken shape."

"Far from deplored this development, we should regard it as promising the fulfillment of our chief war aim in Europe, as and putting a solid foundation under the Dumbarton Oaks proposals."

CONFIDENCE IN OUR ALLIES

Then Lippmann argues with those who say that our European allies ought to wait until the Dumbarton Oaks plan is ratified. But he points out that France or the USSR have practical problems to solve affecting their borders and their war effort.

Moreover, our allies are being told by Sen. Wheeler that unless they stop and wait for him—and his kind—to pass judgment on the Curzon Line or the future of the Rhineland, he isn't going to let the Senate pass the Dumbarton Oaks plan at all.

It's clear that our European allies cannot make their decisions depend on a reactionary crowd in an uncertain Senate which has not even come to discuss Dumbarton Oaks and is already showing signs of refusing to ratify Dumbarton Oaks.

At this point, Lippmann blames it all on Roosevelt, who allegedly postponed decisions when he should have made them, and avoided American commitments on specific questions in Europe until it was too late.

That's where I disagree. Whatever the President's shortcomings of the past, the fact is that today he is pursuing the only possible diplomacy that he can: he is encouraging a settlement of all immediate practical questions among our allies.

That, too, is a policy. It does not need any further machinery. It structure of a European settlement simply needs to be carried out.

Vargas Regime in Brazil Denounced by Aranha

Oswaldo Aranha, who was forced to resign as Brazilian Foreign Minister last August when authorities closed down the pro-American Society of Friends of America of which he was vice-president, has denounced

President Getúlio Vargas' regime it is necessary to remove from government the arbitrariness—which only regimes such as ours bring about—of keeping at the head of the country's administration yes-men, self-made men and corrupt and incapable men, and expelling all other citizens from their councils," Aranha's letter concluded.

"Brazil cannot continue to be governed by blindness, by deafness and by cupidity of the few against the many."

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LOWDOWN

'Friend' Joe Williams
And a Baseball Union

Nat Low

Our friend Joe Williams comes up with a new twist every week. The other day he wrote a lengthy column about an alleged meeting he had with a former athlete who was "unionizing" the major leagues.

As Pegler before him and every labor-baiter after, Williams was in a hurry to claim his love for unions and the laboring man but then after a few more lines you come to the real essence of what he always has to say about such matters.

"Unions are O. K. but they can't be turned into a racket."

Now where did we hear that one before?

We don't know who this anonymous friend of Williams' is, if, indeed, there is such a gent, but we do know that if baseball is to be organized into the great trade union movement of America, the regularly existing labor organizations will do the job. And that means either the CIO or the AFL.

It will probably be the CIO because this organization is by far the most aggressive and progressive of the two.

Many years ago there was an attempt to organize the major leagues and the attempt was pretty successful, too, with most of the big name players like Ty Cobb, Tris Speaker, Christy Mathewson and others joining up. But the union fell apart after a comparatively short existence because of many factors.

For one thing, the labor movement in general was weak and controlled by the reactionaries of the Sam Gompers type and the newly organized ball players were not brought into the main current of trade union life. Another thing was the lack of clarity of the new baseball players' union, with all its unique angles and aspects.

Sooner or later, however, baseball will be organized much as almost everything else has been organized and the longevity of this coming baseball players' union will be guaranteed by the great trade union movement of America which is an integral part of the nation's life and which will direct and guide the ballplayers along the path of real, honest industrial unionism.

Joe Williams may poke fun at the "sweaty peons of the ball parks" but he'll be singing a different song when the DiMaggios, Williams, Reisers et al flash their union cards some day in the not-too-distant future.

I see where Carl Snavely has left Cornell to coach football at his old school, North Carolina. The tears have been filling my sentimental eyes all afternoon at this hard news.

Snavely is one of the lesser talents in the football coaching world and certainly one of the most outspoken reactionaries in sports. He is the man who was so prominent a member of the America First Committee before Pearl Harbor and who, during the past presidential elections, lent all of his support (if not money) to the campaign of Tom Dewey.

From a metropolitan football writer who had occasion to cover Cornell's games, I learned some time ago that Snavely's many assistants literally reeked with anti-Semitism and from what we know of Snavely we can imagine how vigorously he fought this un-Americanism.

Thus, our tears at his departure—and may it be a lengthy one.

That Ohio State basketball team seems to be as good as its football counterpart which finished the season undefeated and was ranked behind Army's powerhouse. The Buckeyes slapped a 64-36 defeat on Utah, the same team which gave St. John's quite a tussle at the Garden two weeks ago before succumbing, 39-36.

The Buckeyes will probably get a tourney bid if the Big Ten rules will permit.

Nats' Latin Brigade Back in '45

The Nats' experiments with Cuban talent last season were successful despite the eighth place finish of the Washington club, and the 1945 edition will be manned in at least two positions by athletes from the Pearl of the Antilles. Catcher Mickey Guerra and Third Baseman Gil Torres were two of the more efficient Washington players in 1944, and their play justified completely Clark Griffith's venture into Cuban imports. Torres was the only regular, but toward the finish of the campaign, Guerra emerged as the prize of the lot.

Guerra finished up with a highly estimable average of .282, and Steve O'Neill paid the little Cuban backstop something of a tribute during the last week of the season when the Nats and Tigers clashed in the decisive series at Detroit. When he was handed the Washington lineup that showed Guerra wasn't catching, O'Neill said: "That's all right with me. That Guerra is dynamite and the best-looking rookie catcher I've seen in a half dozen years."

Rick Ferrell caught most of the club's games during the past season, but toward the finish Manager Bluege was alternating Ferrell with Guerra and it will be no

great surprise if the Cuban graduates to the No. 1 job next year. He has shown an ability to handle the clubs knuckleball pitchers and there are no complaints about either his throwing or his hitting. He's probably the fastest catcher in the league.

Torres is assured of a job with the Nats next season, either as a third baseman or a pitcher. He is slated for the infield unless Bluege and Griffith come up with more infield strength, but in that event Torres, who won 19 games pitching for the second-division Chattanooga club in 1943, will make an easy transition to the Washington mound staff.

Big Roberto Ortiz was playing regularly in the outfield until the last week of the season, when he fractured his thumb in his battle with Tom Turner of the Browns, and was forced into retirement. Ortiz, in several trials with the club, has never justified his potential promise, but his fielding improved this year and he will be back.

Toward the end of the season, Bluege was impressed with the pitching of Oliverio Ortiz, brother of the outfielder, who had done well with Chattanooga before being called up by Bluege.

Our Bill Picks Green

By BILL MARDO

Now, let's see. Harold Green and Rocky Graziano fight a 10-rounder tonight at the Garden and I guess I've got to go out on the limb again.

Two weeks ago, you'll remember, I said Tami Mauriello would beat the stuffings out of Lee Oma.

Result: Oma won, hands down. (Really.)

Last week I said Johnny Greco would hit Bobby Ruffin hard and often enough to offset any last-round surge by Bobby.

Result: Ruffin came off the floor to hand Johnny as pretty a lacing as you would ever like to see and the only reason Johnny didn't lose was because boxing rules require a two-thirds vote for a decision. So if you are still interested in my predictions, here goes.

I predict Harold Green will beat Rocky Graziano tonight because he is a combination hitter and boxer (small club style) and will outlast Graziano with comparative ease despite their first fight, which was a tough one.

The Brownsville kid is a 2-1 favorite and maybe that's what is helping me make my choice, but even if the odds were against Green I still would pick him.

Harold was floored by Rocky in their first fight, but I still think that was a typographical error and/or a big piece of Mike Jacob's propaganda.

Actually, Harold slipped on a banana peel thrown into the ring by some anti-Brooklynite. If you don't believe me, ask J. J. O'Malley. He was there. In fact, he threw it.

So here's my prediction: Green by a decision. If there are no banana peels around—and no O'Malley, either.

11 A.M. TO NOON

11:00-WEAF—Road of Life
WOR—News; Talk; Music
WJZ—Breakfast With Breneman
WABC—Amanda—Sketch
WQXR—Alma Dettinger—Talk
11:15-WEAF—Rosemary—Sketch
WABC—Second Husband
11:30-WEAF—Star Playhouse
WOR—Quiz Wizard
WJZ—News; Jack Berch, Songs
WABC—Bright Horizon
WQXR—Concert Music
11:45-WEAF—David Harum
WOR—What's Your Idea?
WABC—Aunt Jenny's Stories
11:55-WOR—Lanny and Ginger, Songs
WQXR—News; Luncheon Music

NOON TO 2 P.M.

12:00-WEAF—News Reports
WOR—News; Music
WJZ—Glamor Manor
WABC—News; Kate Smith's Chat
12:15-WEAF—Talk—Maggie McNellis
WABC—Big Sister
12:30-WEAF—United States Marine Band
WOR—News; Juke Box
WJZ—News; Farm-Home Makers
WABC—Helen Trent
12:45-WABC—Our Gal Sunday
1:00-WEAF—Mary Margaret McBride
WOR—Roy Williams, Songs
WJZ—H. R. Baulkage, News
WABC—Life Can Be Beautiful
1:15-WOR—Terry's House Party
WJZ—Women's Exchange Show
WABC—Mrs. Perkins
1:30-WOR—Lopez Orchestra
WABC—Bernardine Flynn, News
WMCA—Recorded Music
1:45-WEAF—Morgan Beatty, News
WOR—American Woman's Jury
WJZ—Galen Drake
WABC—The Goldbergs
2:00-WEAF—The Guiding Light

2 P.M. TO 6 P.M.

WOR—Cedric Foster, News
WJZ—Walter Kiernan, News
WABC—Joyce Jordan, M.D.
2:15-WEAF—Today's Children
WOR—Talk—Jane Cowl
WJZ—Galen Drake
WABC—Two on a Clue
2:30-WEAF—Woman in White
WOR—News; Detective Mysteries
WJZ—Ladies, Be Seated
WABC—Young Dr. Malone
WQXR—Greenroom Music
2:45-WEAF—Betty Crocker—Talk
WABC—Perry Mason
3:00-WEAF—A Woman of America
WOR—Martha Deane Program
WJZ—Jerry Cooper, Songs
WABC—Mary Martin
3:15-WEAF—Mrs. Perkins
WJZ—International Christmas Party
WABC—Tena and Tim
WMCA—Talk—Ethel Colby
3:30-WEAF—Pepper Young
WOR—Rambeling With Gambling
WABC—The High Places
3:45-WEAF—Right to Happiness
WABC—Studio Music
WABC—Bob Trout, News
4:00-WEAF—Backstage Wife
WOR—News; Jay Johnson, Songs
WJZ—Westbrook Van Voorhis, News
WABC—First in the Air
WMCA—News; Western Songs
4:15-WEAF—Stella Dallas
WJZ—United States Navy School of
Music Orchestra Chorus
4:30-WEAF—Lorenzo Jones
WOR—Food and Home Forum
WJZ—Christmas Stories
WABC—Raymond Scott Show
4:45-WEAF—Young Widder Brown
WJZ—Hop Harrigan
4:55-WQXR—News Reports

Pop Shots and Dribbles

Wertis May Have 1st Big Night Tomorrow

by Phil Gordon

Ray Wertis may be the main cog in the St. John's basketball machine tomorrow night when the undefeated Indians meet Puerto Rico in one half of a Garden twin bill that will also see LIU face DePaul.

With Hy Gotkin still suffering from a heavy cold, Wertis, whom Joe Lapchick predicted would become one of the best cagers in the country this season, may have to do the major part of the Indians' scoring, helped by Bill Kotsos and Ivy Summer.

The single objection filed against the Indians after their stylish contrived Utah victory, was their apparently light scoring punch. This may or may not have been a sound analysis. Joe Lapchick expects the team to develop more power with the season, and makes the point that Ray Wertis had an "off" night against Utah.

In all the other St. John's games, Wertis has been outstanding, the team's pace-setter on the floor and high scorer. Over five games he's counted 65 points, a total that puts him right up with the metropolitan district leaders. Lapchick looks for that type of game from him tomorrow, and if it does work out that way the Indians' scoring totals will be much more impressive.

Now has Lapchick been content to rely on Wertis' expected return to form. In practice session this week all the attention was devoted to shooting in the hope of effecting a general team improvement. Lapchick had Keany rings (the smaller, ball-size hoop that fits inside the regulation basket) fitted into the baskets at the De Gray Gymna-

Rangers Win 3

It took a long time coming but it came. We are referring to the third victory of the season for the Rangers who licked the Chicago Black Hawks in the Windy City Wednesday night, 3-1, to break their tie for the cellar.

Goals by Phil Watson, Kilby McDonald and Hank Goldup did the trick and finally broke the jinx the Hawks had clamped on the Rangers for a long time. . . . According to the reports the Rangers put on one of their better performances of the year, one in which their defense stayed together and their wings passed and shot with old Blueshirt talent. . . .

Last night the boys played Detroit in the Motor City and another victory will put them within reach of the playoffs via the fourth spot in the league now held by the Boston Bruins who, with 17 points, are seven ahead of the Rangers. However,

sium, and the Indians did their shooting under these conditions. An immediate effect was their foul-shot success against Harry Boykoff's West Point Artillery team on Tuesday night. They hit with fifteen out of nineteen. Previously they'd averaged only about 500 per cent from the foul line.

RADIO

WQXR—Musical Memory Game
9:30-WEAF—People Are Funny
WOR—Double or Nothing—Quiz
WJZ—Spotlight Band
WABC—That Brewster Boy
WMCA—Quizdom Class
WQXR—Musical Festival
10:00-WEAF—Amos 'n' Andy
WOR—Boxing Bout
WJZ—Earl Godwin, News
WABC—Jimmy Durante, Comedy
10:15-WJZ—Bob and Irene, Songs
WQXR—Beatrice Mery, Soprano
10:30-WEAF—Sports—Bill Stern
WJZ—The Doctors Talk It Over
WABC—Stage Door Canteen
10:45-WEAF—To Be Announced
WJZ—Letter to Your Service Man
WQXR—Intermezzo
10:50-WQXR—News; Just Music
11:00-WEAF—News; Music
WJZ, WABC—News; Music
WMCA—News; Talks; Music
11:05-WJZ—William S. Galimat
11:30-WEAF—We Came This Way—Drama
WABC—Mildred Bailey Show
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Burliuk's Paintings Express Joy of Life in Current ACA Show

By PHILIP EVERGOOD
(Noted American Painter)

I have seen perhaps ten out of Burliuk's many forceful one-man shows, and I am always impressed by the happiness and optimism that his work radiates. No painter today gives one a greater sense of the joy of living than Burliuk.

His figures, drawn with real love for human beings, are painted naturally and creatively, but with a tremendous technical knowledge and a wealth of personal experience back of them. Burliuk knows what it is to suffer from lack of the worldly goods but the rich storehouse of his imagination overflows onto his canvases in a profuse and seemingly endless torrent.

You get a sense of unrestrained physical vehemence when you look at a large tornado-like canvas such as his Children of Stalingrad, on view in Burliuk's current show at the A.C.A. gallery. The bright vivid colors are laid on sometimes in great impasto slabs of paint and sometimes in smooth glazed surfaces. There is a strong drum beat, an indescribably throbbing undercurrent of rhythm in the line and color here, which holds the whole picture together, and which excites the senses like a primitive dance beat.

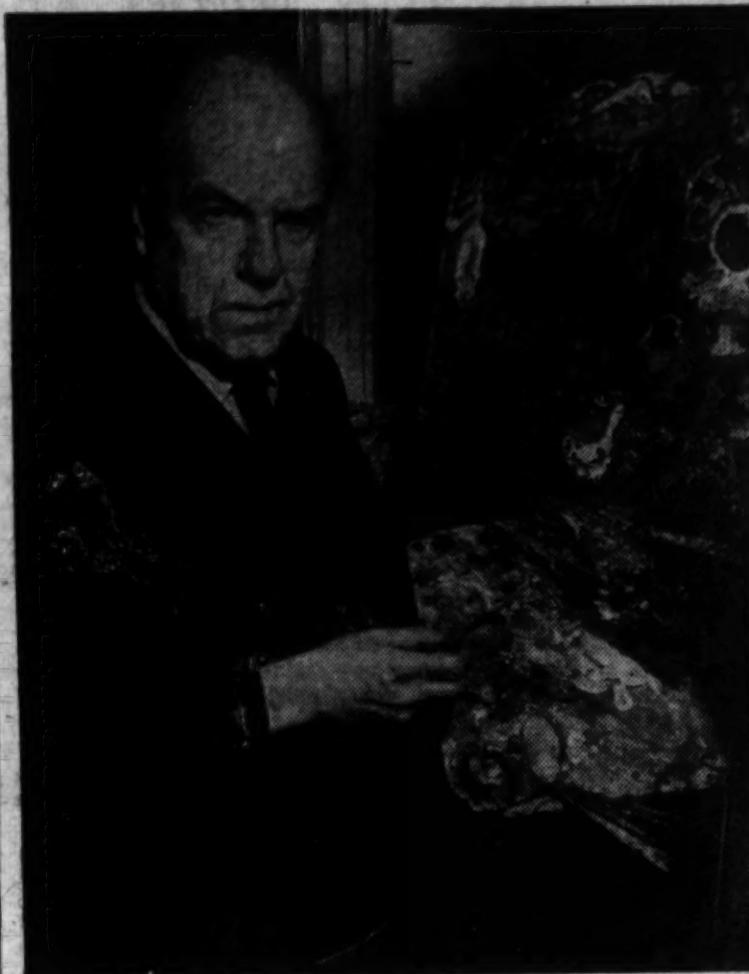
Besides all these sensuous qualities, Burliuk's painting is intellectual at the same time, for the opposing forces in his design are sophisticated to a degree, and there is great knowledge of contrast both linear and from the point of view of color which makes his work architectural and firm and yet fluid and flexible also.

LIFE AND PEOPLE

This quality is too seldom attained in painting, the run of the mill stuff being painfully stiff, rigid, and disciplined, or at the other pole, of frenzied effervescent abandon with no backbone. Burliuk tells you also about life and people in the most direct and virile way, as did the old Byzantine painters and the Italian primitives. He isn't afraid of soiling his hands by portraying the good rich earth and the healthy robust emotions of the human race, unlike some of the weak, effete brush pushers whose meaningless work you see around from time to time.

Leonardo da Vinci once said that painting is the least precocious of the arts. He meant that the longer a good man paints the better he should get, and that few painters attain greatness early, as have some musicians and poets. Burliuk has been a painter a long time. In fact he belonged to one of the most forceful and significant pioneer groups in the whole modern movement in painting. They called themselves The Blue Riders and worked in Munich in 1911. Most of this group, because they were vital and creative, have been condemned by Hitler and their work "verboten" in Nazi Germany. Franz Marc, Paul Klee, and Kandinsky (whom the world unhappily lost this week), were members of the group.

Burliuk had come from Russia, where in preceding years he had



DAVID BURLIUK

been a member of another progressive experimental group in Moscow, called The Jack of Diamonds. Burliuk, as a fine poet himself was also interested in creative work in that field of esthetics. He happened to discover the great talents of the poet Mayakovsky, and it was due to Burliuk's encouragement and promotion that the young poet became deservedly famous.

Of especial beauty to me, in the new show, besides the Stalingrad, was the small canvas of a Man Without a Head, more sparingly painted (for Burliuk!) than many others — smooth glazes in exciting grey blues and greens, intricate drawing and a great sense of mood and mystery. Village on the Sea is a most tranquil scene (happy reminder of a hot summer day on a busy New England waterfront); Pillaging — a riotous picture of two men robbing an orchard — was lively and full of humor with the flying birds and the thickly slashed-on gobs of color which take so much skill to put on the canvas that way.

I liked especially also, Art and Artists (an interior with portraits of Raphael and Moses Soyer, Chikovsky and Gorky). And again

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By D. BERGELSON • Staged by J. ROTHBAUM • Music by S. SECUNDA

Night (which I felt like calling Night and the Wanderer).

There is not one of the 25 canvases that does not strongly hold the attention of the visitor.

On Ford Hour Tonight

Richard Dyer-Bennet, minstrel, will appear on the Ford Hour tonight (Friday) at 8 over WJZ.

Russian Xmas Show At the Skazka

The Russian Christmas will be celebrated in New York when Russian War Relief and Station WNEW jointly put on their annual Christmas show at 11 o'clock tonight (Friday) at the Russian Skazka, 227 W. 46 St.

In addition to the Skazka orchestra, Alyosha, former Red Army accordionist, and Nina Tarasova of the Reuben Bleu will entertain. Captain Sergei Kournakoff will speak briefly and a roving mike will pick up the voices of many prominent Broadway people including Hilda Simms, star of Anna Lucasta.

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"Mark of the Whistler" — Mon., Tues.: "Conspirators," "Ladies of Wash." —

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"Chapayev"

"FORTRESS ON THE VOLGA"

Continuous Daily from 11:45 A.M.

Russian Santa Coming to Town

A special children's party and entertainment, with stars of stage and screen participating, will be presented by Russian War Relief at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 23, at the New York City Center, 131 W. 55 St. Over 2,500 New York boys and girls will attend, each child bringing as the sole price of admission a gift of some useful article for a Soviet child. The entertainment is sponsored by Russian War Relief's Theater Committee, which is taking an active part in the relief agency's

current Christmas campaign for Soviet children.

The guests will be welcomed by America's own St. Nick as well as by the Russian Santa Claus, known as Grandfather Frost, who, accompanied by his Snegurochki, or Snow Maidens, is now on a "visit" to New York.

Taking part in the entertainment will be: Louis Calhern, chairman of the Russian War Relief Theater Committee; Jackie Gleason, Elizabeth Bergner, Louise Rainer.

MOTION PICTURES



"I am DYNAMITE!"
"I am DANGEROUS!"
HANDLE ME WITH CARE!"

"You Americans are strange people!
Here am I, Emil, just a boy—a guest
in the happy home of Dr. Frame—I
terrorize his peaceful household—
insult his sweetheart—wreck his ro-
mance—attack his daughter! Today
I bring a threat to one happy little
home in a quiet American town.
Today, one home, one town..."

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FIRST FILMS Bombing of Tokyo

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Late Bulletins

Japanese Plane Plant at Mukden Hit by 20th Air Force Bombers

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (UP).—Superfortresses of the 20th Air Force, in their fourth straight day of operations against Japan and occupied territories on the Asia mainland, attacked an airplane factory at Mukden, Manchuria, in force today and shot down or damaged 33 Japanese fighter planes which challenged them in combat.

Two of the Superfortresses were lost to enemy action, Gen. Henry H. Arnold, chief of Army Air Forces and Commander-in-Chief of the 20th (Superfortress) Air Force, said in announcing the raid.

Fifteen of the enemy planes were destroyed, seven so seriously damaged that they probably crashed

and 11 damaged less severely. Today's target was the Manchuria Airplane Company at Mukden, an important industrial and arsenal city in Japanese-occupied Manchuria.

Gen. Arnold said that the planes, part of the China-based 20th Bomber Command of Maj. Gen. Curtis E. Le May, hit the factory shortly before noon Japanese time (midnight Wednesday EWT) in substantial force. The weather was clear, the bombardiers were able to bomb by vision and the results were good, Arnold reported.

Anti-aircraft fire was meager, but the fighter opposition varied from moderate to strong.

Stimson Says Western Drive Very Hazardous for Germans

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (UP).—The Germans, in their current counter-offensive, have accepted the hazard of an all-out effort which if it fails may hasten the end of the war, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson said today.

He told a news conference the German drive was designed primarily to halt the American advance on the Cologne plain and the Saar.

The hazards of the counter-offensive are heightened by the fact that the German high command must also be prepared to meet the Soviet winter offensive wherever it may strike, he said.

He pointed out that the German

effort came while Allied armies were being steadily reinforced and supported with large movement of supplies, and while, with the winter upon her, Germany was being subjected to a steadily increasing and vast aerial attack.

"Under these circumstances," he said, "the Nazi regime has not a great deal to lose and might gain a few months' extension of time before being called to an accounting for the misery they have inflicted on the world."

"I have the utmost confidence in the wisdom, energy, and aggressive fighting attitude of General Eisenhower and his leaders."

WLB Sets Up Telephone Dispute Panel

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (UP).—The War Labor Board tonight authorized establishment of a national telephone panel to make recommendations on all voluntary and dispute cases involving the industry, following a vote by New York City long lines operators to strike for a \$5 weekly pay increase.

WLB said the panel's jurisdiction, structure and procedure will be decided after it receives recommendations from executive director Theodore W. Kheel who has conferred with industry and employee representatives.

Yank Planes Using Mindoro Field

TELEGRAMS, Leyte, Philippines, Friday, Dec. 22 (UP).—Far Eastern Air Force fighter planes have begun using an airfield constructed on Mindoro Island, 150 miles south of Manila, a week after American engineers first came ashore there, it was disclosed today, while on Leyte Island in the eastern Philippines American infantry sprang a trap on more units of the disorganized Japanese garrison.

Supreme Soviet Promotes Kaganovich

MOSCOW, Dec. 21 (UP).—The Supreme Soviet today announced the elevation of Lazar M. Kaganovich from transport commissar to the vice-presidency of the Council of People's Commissars, an office equivalent to vice-premiership of the Soviet Union.

Known as the "Iron Commissar," Kaganovich performed what is regarded as a "miracle" in maintaining the Soviet transport system during war evacuation.

Army Liberators Hit Iwo Island Again

PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, Dec. 21 (UP).—Army Liberators of the Pacific Strategic Air Force bombed airstrip installations on Iwo Island in the Volcano group Tuesday in the 13th consecutive day of neutralization offensive against enemy bases south of the Japanese homeland. Admiral of the Fleet Chester W. Nimitz announced today.

Izvestia Exposes Nazis in Sweden

Wireless to the Daily Worker

MOSCOW, Dec. 21.—German agents and Finnish fascists, unhindered by Swedish authorities, are busily working in Sweden to undermine Finnish-Soviet relations and injure the cause of peace, Izvestia declared today.

While a number of Finnish papers continue to expose the criminal policy of Risto Ryti and Vaino Tanner, who did untold harm to Finland, Izvestia said, "German agents are doing everything their strength permits to undermine Finland's confidence in the Soviet Union."



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Men of the American First Army now facing the full weight of the Nazi counterattack, plod through the Krinkeler Woods in Belgium. Snow weighs down the trees and slows the steps of the marching GIs.

The Veteran Commander

CAN THE NAZIS CONTINUE THE ATTACK?

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here "Ike" smiling through his frown at the sight of a certain river curving on the map, amid forests and hills, dotted with historic battle names...

Local fighting goes on in the other sectors of the Western Front, except in the British-Canadian sector where an ominous silence seems to be reigning.

THE Red Army continues to advance steadily against the fortresses of Kosice and Lucenec (and its twin stronghold of Fuelok, or Filkovo) in eastern and central Slovakia. It is now only about 50 miles south of the Tatra Mountains and the headwaters of the Vah and Poprad rivers which (with the Dunaetz) form an "s" shaped line protecting Silesia from the south, southeast and east. Marshal Konev is facing the Dunaetz, General Petrov, the Poprad, and Marshal Malinovsky, the Vah. The Visloka north of the Carpathians, and the Hron south of the Carpathians form a forward defense line, roughly paralleling the one described above. Malinovsky has reached the Hron at its confluence with the Danube, but is about 35 miles from the rest of its 125-mile

course. Konev is smack up against the Visloka.

The immediate objectives of the southern Red Armies are the following seven fortresses, strung out in an almost straight 350-mile line between the Dukla Pass in the Carpathians and the Drava River: Bardiev, Preshov, Kosice, Fuelok-Lucinec, Budapest, Szekesfehervar and Nagikanizha. These fortresses cover the approaches to Austria, the Bohemian-Moravian plateau and Silesia, i.e. to the industrial equivalent of the Ruhr-Saar combination and the strategic natural fortress of Central Europe.

OUR troops on Leyte are reported to have destroyed the Yamashita Line and the battle is entering its final, mop-up phase. Even allowing for the somewhat flowery "pseudo-classicism" of General MacArthur's communiques, there is no reason to doubt that things are going well.

On Mindoro our troops are widening their hold and no serious enemy opposition has developed yet. We have a good air strip there already.

There is no important news from China.

Greek-American Leader Rips Scobie Threat Against Athenians

In a sharp attack on Gen. Ronald and islands."

M. Scobie's threat to use all the arms at his disposal against the patriots of Greece. Stelios Pistolakis, president of the Greek American Committee for National Unity declared yesterday that if the patriot forces are crushed in Athens "they will fight on from the fields and hills of Greece, from its cities

Pistolakis scored Prime Minister Churchill's promise of "amnesty" if the Greek people lay down their arms. "Amnesty is for criminals, not for those who fight for their independence and freedom," he said.

A leader of the Liberal Party in Greece before the Metaxas dictatorship, and three times a deputy

in the Greek parliament, Pistolakis asserted that the Greek people will never accept the "despised fascist King of Greece, whom Churchill now tries to impose upon Greece by force, having failed to do so by political intrigue."

"We know," he added, "that when the pressure of events and the awakening of the people of the world to the danger threatening their own human and democratic rights, force the fulfillment of Allied pledges, the Greeks will collaborate faithfully and sincerely with all the Allies, pushing aside the memory of bitter betrayal."

